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This is a reply to the Office Action mailed December 3, 2004 setting a three (3) month statutory period for response. Please enter the following amendments and remarks into the record.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4.